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TAGS OVIP, (BURNS, ARTHUR)
SUBJ: TRAVEL OF ARTHUR BURNS

1. POST LOOKS FORWARD TO VISIT OF DR AND MRS BURNS.
RESERVATIONS MADE AT MELBOURNE HILTON; MANAGER FRANK CHRISTIE
EXTENDS WARM WELCOME. POST CONTROL OFFICER IS JAMES C CURRAN.
CONGEN PHONE NUMBER: 699-2244; CONTROL OFFICER'S HOME
TELEPHONE: 26-1458. REQUEST BURNSES PROCEED FROM
MELBOURNE AIRPORT TO HOTEL BY TAXI: CONTROL OFFICER WILL
MEET AT HOTEL.

2. COMMITTEE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF AUSTRALIA WILL
HOST LUNCHEON ON THURSDAY, APRIL 27 AT MELBOURNE'S
ATHENAEUM CLUB IN HONOR OF DR BURNS. LUNCHEON CHAIRMAN WILL
BE FORMER TREASURER FRANK CREAN. ATTENDANCE WILL BE LIMITED
TO MAXIMUM OF 20 PERSONS; GUESTS WILL ALL BE FROM MELBOURNE'S
LARGE FINANCIAL AND MONTEARY COMMUNITY.
SEPARATE MEETING WITH CREAN CAN BE ARRANGED FOR FRIDAY
MORNING IF DR BURNS SO ADVISES; CREAN TOLD CONTROL
OFFICER HE WILL BE AVAILABLE IN MELBOURNE ON BOTH DAYS.

3. AFTERNOON OF APRIL 27 FREE FOR SIGHTSEEING. POST
SUGGESTS BURNSES DRIVE TO HEALESVILLE (APPROX 30 MILES
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NORTH OF MELBOURNE) AND VISIT SIR COLIN MACKENZIE WILD-
LIFE SANCTURARY; VIRTUALLY ALL NATIVE AUSTRALIAN FAUNA
ON EXHIBIT THERE IN NATURAL SETTING. IF THIS APPEALS,
PLEASE ADVISE ASAP AND POST WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH
HOTEL TO HIRE CAR AND DRIVER.

4. WOULD DR BURNS BE INTERESTED IN ADDRESSING A SPECIAL

DINNER MEETING OF THE VICTORIA BRANCH OF THE ECONOMIC SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND ON NIGHT OF APRIL 27? USUAL FORMAT IS DRINKS, DINNER AND AFTER-DINNER SPEECH OF 30-40 MINUTES FOLLOWED BY QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION OF VARIABLE LENGTH (SPEECH CAN BE LONGER, AND A SHORTER IF DR BURNS PREFERS). SPOUSES ARE WELCOME TO THESE DINNERS. PLEASE ADVISE; POST HAS DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY WITH ECON SOCIETY BUT HAS MADE NO RPT NO COMMITMENT.

FYI ONLY: ECON SOCIETY, ON BEING TOLD APRIL 27TH IS DR BURNS'S 74TH BIRTHDAY, WOULD LIKE TO USE DINNER AS OPPORTUNITY TO CONGRATULATE HIM. PLEASE DO NOT RPT NOT MENTION THIS TO HIM.

5. AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S VICTORIA OFFICE WOULD LIKE TO HOST SMALL BREAKFAST AT HILTON ON FRIDAY MORNING, APRIL 28, FOR THE BURNSES AND SEVERAL HEADS OF U.S. SUBSIDIARIES. WOULD BE OVER EARLY ENOUGH TO PERMIT MEETING WITH CREAN BEFORE DEPARTURE FOR AIRPORT. IF AGREEABLE, PLEASE ADVISE.

6. AS CEDA LUNCHEON (PARA 2 ABOVE) WILL NOT INCLUDE SPOUSES, POST WILL BE GLAD TO ARRANGE SEPARATE LUNCHEON FOR MRS BURNS; WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING HER SPECIAL INTERESTS ASAP.

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7. PLEASE PROVIDE FLIGHT DETAILS TO AND FROM MELBOURNE ASAP.
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